

The VALLEY HAM NEWS

The Voice of the Yuba Sutter Amateur Radio Club
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NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board Meeting will be at the Potluck and election of Officers on November 4th. It will be held at the Lindhurst High School cafeteria. Set up begins at 6:00 p.m. and dinner usually starts around 6:30 p.m.

Bring a dish to share and your own place settings. Drinks will be provided by the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 1, Butte County SET.
Nov 1, VE Exam
Nov 1, 5:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Club

Communications support for Horse Run.

Nov 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – Potluck and Election of Officers.

Nov 8 – Reservations for Christmas Party due.

Nov 11, 09:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Club communications support for Veterans Parade.

Nov 13 – Northern California Simulated Emergency Test (SET) exercise involving ARES.

Dec 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m. – Christmas Party at American Legion Hall in Linda.

Jan 1 – Membership renewal payments due.

Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly net with swap shop and help sessions.

Second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. – the ARRL Sacramento Valley Section (UHF) Net.

Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. – weekly ARES net.

VE EXAMS

The next VEC session will be November 1st at the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church in Yuba City starting at the usual time of 9:00 a.m. Four to five VE are needed for the testing. Contact Herb (W6HBU) if you can help out.

Please preregister with Clara Ansley (KC6JPP) if you are going to test, or if you know of someone who is going to test have them preregister. As always, walk-ins are welcome, but those who preregistered will be given priority.

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BOARD MINUTES

Those present enjoyed breakfast, at the American Legion, prior to our meeting.

Due to the absence of both the President and Vice President, the meeting was conducted by Secretary-Treasurer Clara Ansley KC6JPP.

Present were: Clara Ansley. Board Members: Marvin Lemburg KE6JNT, Paul Johnson N6XVL, Robbie Robinson N6PGK, Lee Sheffield KC6MCI, Curtis Sylvester-Jose KF6VFP and Herb Puckett W6HBU. Members: Bob McClard WA6OWH, Howard Fairbanks WB6AIL, Tricia Wilkerson KG6PNC, Leonard Wilkerson KG6PND, Michael Hardesty KG6PNG and Bill Verstelle N6OQ. Guests: Agnes Puckett and Mrs. Hardesty.

Motion was made by Curtis Sylvester-Jose, seconded by Robbie Robinson that the minutes, as stated in Newsletter, be accepted. Motion passed.

Clara Ansley read the Treasurer's Report.

Checking Balance: 9-13-03: \$2,191.92.
Receipts Deposited: KG6ONJ, dues: \$18.00
TOTAL: \$2,209.92. Bills: Copy City -
Newsletter: \$18.34, Postmaster Olivehurst 60
Stamps, \$22.20, Scott Rogers returned 1/2 '03
dues: \$9.00. TOTAL: \$49.54. Checking
Balance: BS/CKBK agree: \$2,160.38. Less
Repeater Balance \$677.00 and VE Balance
\$132.56. TOTAL: \$809.56. Club Balance:
\$1,350.82.

OLD BUSINESS: Herb Puckett stated that \$50.00, would be taken from the VE Balance, and donated to the Cornerstone Evangelical Free Church, again this year, as our Thanks for their allowing us to use their facility for our VE sessions.

We have yet to receive a confirmation of our Potluck Dinner tentatively scheduled for November 4th in the cafeteria at Lindhurst High School. Plan on attending, bringing your favorite dish to share. Also bring your own plate and utensils.

Reservations for our Christmas Dinner, \$5.00 per person, MUST be received no later than November 8. The price could be a little higher if the cost of the prime rib goes up this year. There will be NO gift exchange this year.

Paul Johnson is in need of volunteers to help with two events: 1. The Lake Oroville Vista Endurance Run on November 1 (T-shirts will be given to volunteers) and 2. The Veteran's Day Parade, in Marysville, on November 11. The volunteers for this parade will be in the parking lot of the Gold Country Bank on the corner of 6th and D Streets. If you can help with either or both of these events, please contact Paul and he can give you more particulars.

The names of Herb Puckett and Mike Colvin, candidates for the office of Vice President, have been added to the list of other candidates. A motion was made by Robbie Robinson, seconded by Marvin Lemburg that we have an Absentee Ballot this year. Motion passed. The Newsletter will contain a ballot with the list of candidates and the office for which they are willing to accept. You can either vote via e-mail to Herb Puckett: firtree1@pacbell.net or by mail to Clara Ansley, 1943 16th Street, Olivehurst 95961-4647. These MUST be received by November 3. If you plan on attending the potluck on November 4, you may ballot at that time.

ARES will be having a Simulated Emergency Test on November 13.

Lee Sheffield extended **Thanks** to the club on the behalf of Carl McGregor (KE6VUC), for the Get Well card he received while in the hospital.

Clara Ansley stated that because of the law, HIPA (Health Information Privacy Act) passed during Clinton's administration; we can no longer state in our Newsletter or on the air the reason a member is ill, in the hospital or from what ailment he/she died.

Three of our members participated in the California QSO Party. Lee made 56 contacts; Bob McClard and Dan Flores made 16. Way to go gentlemen !!

Being no further business; a motion was made by Herb Puckett, and seconded that our meeting be closed. Motion passed.

Submitted By,

Clara M. Ansley, (KC6JPP) Secretary

WORD SEARCH

The phonetic alpha bit is hidden below. How many can you find? Words can be forward,

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backward, up, down, left to right diagonal or right to left diagonal. Solution later in the newsletter.

J U L I E T A S I E R R A B
C D E F L G H N I J K L M T
X G N O I P D Q U K I L O A
R U R P M I S T U V W R S N
A L P H A Q X Z Y X T W C G
Y F Z Q U P Y H W X E R A O
T Y U E B R A V O E M O R I
O P B A S D T F F T H J K L
Z E X C V M L B N M E P L M
C H A R L I E C H O N L J I
U H B V G K D Y T F Z C X D
R E N O V E M B E R E U S Z
A W Q W H I S K E Y M H L T
Y A N K E E R M R O F I N U

CA QSO PARTY RESULTS

Lee (KC6MCI) worked the California QSO Party October 4th and 5th as an unofficial contestant, using mode PSK31 from a remote location above La Porte, Ca.

He managed to make 56 contacts in a 24-hour period. Some of his contacts included Japan, Cuba, Spain and Morocco.

He used a 20 meter quad loop antenna attached to the back bumper of his pickup truck,, an IC-706 MK II and a laptop computer.

Although the California QSO party had no category for working PSK31 in the contest this year, Lee's contribution of contacts may inspire a new category for next years contest.

BALLOT

The ballot below is for those who will be unable to attend the Potluck and wish to participate in the election of next years officers and board members. If you are interested in filling one of these positions make you wishes known and have it done as a write-in. **DO NOT** volunteer/nominate someone other than yourself without first asking them if they would be willing to serve.

President

___ Curtis Sylvester-José (KF6VFP)

Vice President

___ Herb Puckett (W6HBU)

___ Mike Colvin (W6CUJ)

Treasurer

___ Clara Ansley (KC6JPP)

Secretary

___ Tricia Wilkerson (KG6PNC)

Board members (pick five)

___ Michael Hardesty (KG6PNG)

___ Manna Welchel (PG6PNE)

___ Lee Sheffield (KC6MCI)

___ Ron Murdock (W6KJ)

___ Mike Colvin (W6CUJ)

___ Paul Johnson (N6XVL)

___ Leonard Wilkerson (KG6PND)

To vote by email, copy the above into you email program and place an "x" in front of the names you chose and send to Herb at the address in the minutes. To vote via mail, mark those you chose and mail to Clara at the address in the minutes.

The line after the list of volunteers is for write-ins. Please feel free to use the write-ins.

EDITORS RAMBLINGS

The year is rapidly drawing to a close. We have Halloween coming up in a little over a week and the Thanksgiving and finally Christmas and New Years. Not that far away, just 74 days and this year is done. It's been a busy year so far, and these last couple of months will be just as busy - see elsewhere in this newsletter for all we are doing.

I, for one, like it when the club has a variety of things for members to participate in. Hopefully everyone finds something they enjoy and gets involved. It was and is great to see so many of the graduates of this years technician class become active. Great job gals and guys. Keep it up.

Hopefully next year will see as many things happening as this year. If so, jump in and enjoy those activities you like. But remember, you have a life other than amateur radio, so participate in that life also. You do not have to do, or even try to do, all the activities the club sets up. There is enough for everyone.

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Till next month,
Curtis (KF6VFP)

PACIFICON

Ugh, the alarm already. @#!\$@%^&
It's 4:00 a.m., to early and still dark. Can't go back to sleep. Need to get up and get ready. Leaving to join the others for the trip down to San Ramon and the Pacificon Convention. First time for me and some of the others.

Joined up with Ron (W6KJ), Manna (KG6PNE), Paul (N6XVL) and Bill (N7OQ) to caravan down. 7:30 a.m. and we arrived. Parking - not at the site. Cars everywhere. Looks like a sea of antennas. We ended up parking at the shopping center lot along with a host of other hams.

After registering we began looking around at the swap meet for various deals. Some of us, like Ron were looking for specific items, the rest of us just looking. Found some useful tools and picked up some NIMH "AA" batteries and a charger for the batteries to use with my handheld.

After that we took a short break and went to the bakery for a snack. Ran into Dave (WD6AXM).

After the vendor area opened at about 9:00 a.m. we returned to the convention and began looking around some more as well as picking up the free goodies - wall maps, spectrum usage charts, Yaesu baseball caps, log books, etc. Also look at the great deals the vendors had. Since I couldn't afford to buy a radio at this time, I just got to drool and wish. I did find a carry case for my handheld, but was unable to find a harness for it. While there we ran into TJ (NE1CQ). About once an hour until 12:15 p.m. we checked the door prize board to see if any of us got lucky. I won a Kaito AM/FM/TV/SW solar, crank, battery, AC radio. No one else won any of the hourly drawing prizes.

All in all, Pacificon was a good time. The club had good representation. We all gather together at a local restaurant and then returned home.

ARES NEWS

Some members of the ARES group are doing a GPS survey of the county. This data can then be used during an emergency to quickly locate key locations. Their goal is to eventually

have a GPS position for every address in the county. If you wish to assist in this project, Art Craigmill (K6ALC) is heading this project for the ARES group. Please respond only if you have a functioning GPS Unit and are interested in participating in a County Wide Mapping Project. Provide your Call Sign, make and model of GPS unit, number of waypoints it will save, if you have a data cable to attach you unit to a computer and if you have a APRS rig/setup and if it is mobile. ARES members, club members and interested hams may volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The club has been asked to provide communications support for the Lake Oroville Endurance Run (LOVER), a horse ride around Lake Oroville on November 1st. Paul (N6XVL) is coordinating the volunteers for this event. The volunteers will be needed from 7:00 a.m. till around 3:00 p.m. A barbeque lunch will be provided. So far Paul has three volunteers and needs between 8 to 12 to make things run smoothly. And don't worry, you do not have to spend the day riding a horse. Communication will be over the club repeater.

Beside the LOVER event we will be providing communications support for the Veterans Day Parade on November 11th. Again, Paul is coordinating the volunteers. Four to six communicators are needed between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You will meet at the Gold Country Bank parking lot for assignments. You will need to bring a clipboard with you as well as your HT. Communications will be on a simplex frequency.

So, help out and volunteer. It's fun and gives you a chance to practice you skills as well as advertise amateur radio to the public.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party will be held December 9th at the American Legion Hall in Linda. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. To make a reservation pay Clara (KC6JPP) by November 8th. If we do not get enough reservations the party will be cancelled.

Some of the best Prime Rib in Northern, CA made by two of our own hams will be

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served. Members are asked to bring a side dish such as a salad or desert to go with the meal.

Come and enjoy a great time with family and friends, sing Christmas songs and in general have good time.

WORD SEACRH SOLUTION

J U L I E T S I E R R A
 L N T
X G I D K I L O A
R U P M I R S N
A L P H A Q T C G
Y F U P H X A O
 E B R A V O E M O R
 B T F T
 E M L E
C H A R L I E C H O L
 K D Z
 N O V E M B E R U
 W H I S K E Y L
Y A N K E E M R O F I N U

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Dues for 2004 is due not later than January 1, 2004. If you plan on attending the Christmas Party consider paying for you membership at the same time if you can afford to. The application form is on the top of the mailing page.

CLASS

Coming in January and February the next technicians class. Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a ham. Encourage them to attend and then become their Elmer. Help your hobby to grow.

LOOKING FOR

Ideas for club meetings and activities. Contact your board members or club president with yours.

Membership Application: **YUBA SUTTER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Type: New _____ Renewal _____

Member Information: (Full voting rights and privileges)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____ ARES Member? (Y/N) _____

Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Associate Family Member (Living in the same household only) ARRL Member? (Y/N) _____

Name: _____ Call Sign: _____ License Class: _____

Dues: \$18.00 (\$18.00 per year)

Associate Dues: \$ _____ (\$4.00 per year)

Total: \$ _____

Email: _____

Prefer Electronic Copy of Newsletter (Y/N) _____ The newsletter can be viewed online at <http://users.cwnet.com/ysarc>.
By selecting this option you'll receive an email telling you the new newsletter is online.

Signature: _____

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